

March 29, 1983

LB 73

SENATOR ROD JOHNSON: Yes thank you. I simply want to reiterate what Senator Schmit has already said. This bill is addressing an issue that I think has to be addressed by this body and that is public safety. I would just say that take into account your small communities that many of you are from and many of the small communities you represent and in most of those communities it is the grain elevator that is the life blood of that community. I think this is a necessary step to take some protections and some means to protect the interest of the farmers and the people in those communities. That is the reason I signed on with Senator Schmit. He has done a very good job of explaining the bill and I would urge you to adopt the bill and reject the amendments that will be offered later.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, let's take up the first amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is offered by Senator Eret. It is found on page 1168 of the Journal.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. President, first I would like to state that I was proud to be able to lend my name to this bill to be designated as my priority bill. I am very interested in this subject, the grain warehouse bankruptcies have been a serious problem in my area. The amendment as found on page 1168 is a very simple one. It just adds two words into a section of the statutes, on Line 9, stating "or approve". The purpose of this is that the Public Service Commission already handles receipts that are prepared by the federal government on dairy products and honey, loan programs and that this will allow the Public Service Commission to acknowledge these receipts and not have to repeat the preparation of them. I would move for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Rod Johnson, did you wish to speak to the Eret amendment? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I support the Eret amendments. I think they are definitive and add to the bill and would ask that they be adopted. I also want to thank Senator Eret for having made this his priority bill. I think it is very important and I appreciate his recognition of it as a major bill here in this Nebraska Legislature.